

SCHOOL CLOSED BY DIPHTHERIA

Open Gutter Sewers Cause Serious Outbreak of Disease at Elm Park—Forty-four Cases Reported in Ten Days.

HALF THE VICTIMS ATTENDED SCHOOL.

Pupils Will Be Watched at Homes for Two Weeks and Building Fumigated in Effort to Crush Out the Disease.

As a result of a diphtheria epidemic in Elm Park, S. I., Public School No. 21 was to-day closed by order of the Board of Health.

For the past ten days the epidemic, which has been general all over Staten Island, has kept the doctors of Elm Park busy, forty-four cases developing during that time. At least one-half of these cases were among the school children.

So alarming has the epidemic become that the authorities were obliged to act quickly. Had the school not been closed by the Board of Health to-day it could not have secured an attendance, as parents had unanimously decided to withdraw their children until the epidemic was over. The 700 children attending this school will be kept out at least two weeks while the building is fumigated. The doctors attribute the disease to the open gutters which take the place of sewers in Elm Park.

WIFE FOUND HIM

AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

Alberson Arrested on Complaint of Woman He Had Deserted in 1897—Took Name of Smith.

After having abandoned his wife and baby for eight years, Anton Alberson, fifty-seven years old, of No. 71 High Street, Brooklyn, was arrested to-day and held in the Elwell Street Police Court, Williamsburg, in \$300 bail for examination on Thursday.

His wife had no idea of his whereabouts until a friend informed her he was working in a leather establishment on Cliff Street, this city, under the name of Smith. She went to this place and picked out the delinquent husband, who was promptly arrested. His only excuse for deserting his family was that he had been too poor to support them and thought they could get along better by themselves.

If Shrouded in Darkness

How can you tell the north from the south without some guiding hand to direct you?

A Reliable Compass that will point out the location of 780 Furnished Rooms, Apartments and Boarding Houses, is the TO LET Bulletin printed in the

World Want Directory. LET IT HELP YOU TO-DAY.

KING'S DAUGHTER UNDER THE KNIFE

Princess Victoria of Wales Stands Operation for Appendicitis Well, and Surgeons Report Her Progressing Finely.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Princess Victoria, daughter of King Edward, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Buckingham Palace this morning. The operation was performed by Sir Frederick Treves, surgeon-in-ordinary to the King. A bulletin subsequently issued says:

"The circumstances of the operation were favorable. The Princess bore it very well and is progressing very satisfactorily."

The Princess, who has been ill for some time, came to London Jan. 27 to prepare for the operation. She was born in 1868.

SNOW TICKET CHARGE FAILS.

Julius W. Bent, superintendent for the snow contractor, who has been a prisoner for some days charged with having misappropriated tickets of snow removal, was discharged from custody by Magistrate Whitman in the Yorkville Court to-day.

Bent was arraigned on Sunday, and the examination was adjourned. The complainant was County Detective Reardon. To-day Reardon offered an affidavit stating that he had insufficient evidence, and Bent was then discharged. It is said that he will appear as a witness against Patrolman Frank Pletcher, who was arrested on Sunday afternoon, and committed for examination on charges growing out of the disappearance of snow removal tickets.

Dress Goods Department.

We will show Feb. 1st many advanced styles Spring Dress Goods, some of which are confined to us for N. Y.

Embroidered Dress Linens.

We will also show many advanced styles Embroidered Dress Linens at most attractive prices.

Wednesday Special.

Dress Goods Remnants.

The balance of our short ends to be closed out in the next few days at

50c. a yard, former prices from \$1.00 up to \$2.00 a yd.

Lord & Taylor, Broadway and Twentieth Street, Fifth Avenue, Nineteenth Street.

Mammoth 1905 exposition of furniture and household requisites

Guaranteed 1905 designs.

A sale absolutely without old designs or even those of 1904—we had in mind the exclusiveness of your home as well as the great saving this sale ensures. We guarantee the designs to be new, 1905 patterns, handsomer than any shown before. Come and see the revelations of the past year in the making of artistic furniture.

Simpson Crawford Co.

SIXTH AVE. 19th TO 20th STREETS

Deliveries to suit you.

This sale and its tremendous saving need not be missed because you are not ready to receive the furniture in your home. We will pack and store each piece carefully and have it ready to deliver on short notice. If you want furniture in March, April, May or June we say—buy it now. Buy to furnish your home complete.

The great February furniture sale begins to-morrow.

A saving of 20 to 33% under the lowest prices of the year guaranteed—February and August excepted.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS' worth of furniture direct from the factories, giving you a saving equal to the large profit of the jobber, which is eliminated by our own negotiations with the manufacturers.

A sale so colossal that it covers the entire month of February. Twenty-four days of active furniture selling. Four solid weeks of enthusiastic buying, and the magnificent exposition of new 1905 furniture is but a part of the trainloads we have brought to New York for this event—recognized as the most advantageous buying time known to New York. Our entire fifth floor is devoted to this sale. Special arrangements have been made to furnish homes complete as well as to supply all separate pieces, suites and sets.

Now, we have not and will not make any statement this sale will not sustain. That's something our policy forbids, and we will stake our reputation that every value is exactly as stated. When we say to you that you cannot save less than 20 to 33% we say it with the expectation that you will come and investigate the values, buying or not buying, according to your impressions. In either event, you shall have the services of a polite, experienced salesman who knows furniture thoroughly.

Our stock of furniture was never so low as before the new pieces, suites and sets for the February sale began coming in last week, insuring you all new 1905 designs. Months ago, in the dull season of the year, our representatives astonished the great furniture centers with mammoth orders that brought prices down to 70, 75 and 80 per cent. of the prices regularly paid by the largest furniture dealers in America. And they got better furniture. Selected the woods and other materials and had their say in the construction, which insures you the strongest, handsomest lifelike furniture at the hands of the world's best artisans. Nobody can have a handsomer design than you. All tastes are considered. All the best values are represented the first day. Come to-morrow.

A thousand indestructible \$14.00 couches at \$9.50.

IT'S the first time we've been able to offer enough of these handsome, comfortable couches to satisfy the demand. Concessions we received make you sure of the greatest bargain of the year. They're perfect in construction—durable as couches can be made—fitted with highly-tempered, indestructible springs—set in frames of thoroughly seasoned selected oak—seven rows of deep tufting—fastened with new patent back buttons that can't pull out—your choice of heavy and effective velours. Rarely bought at a price so low they may be sold for less than \$14.00.

12.50 for 20.00 couches.
16.00 for 22.00 couches.

20.50 for 25.00 couches.
26.00 for 32.00 couches.

30.00 for 35.50 couches.
36.00 for 42.00 couches.

Five thousand \$5.00 dining chairs, special, \$3.75.

CONSIDER what great values they are at \$5.00 and you'll appreciate the bargain price of 3.75. Chairs constructed to last a lifetime—designs that inspire guests to commend your good taste—handsome, graceful, highly polished golden oak chairs with heavy box frames—closely woven cane seats—broad seats and comfortable backs—built for comfort and strength. We have arm chairs to match and the same chair with leather seats at a slight increase in price.

2.25 for 2.75 chairs.
3.25 for 4.50 chairs.

3.75 for 4.75 chairs.
5.50 for 7.25 chairs.

7.00 for 9.00 chairs.
8.25 for 11.50 chairs.

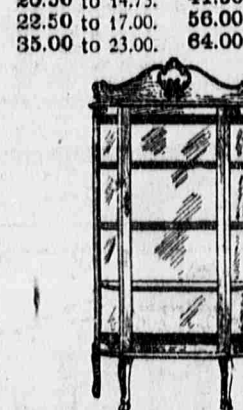
A master stroke in dining furniture.

\$32 Sideboards at \$25.

WITH \$32 a sensational bargain price, our \$25 special sideboards create the biggest stir New York has known in years in sideboards. That's all you pay for this artistic design in quartered oak—golden finish—handsome top with extra large French bevel plate mirror—two small top drawers and one long drawer for linens—all run smoothly—guaranteed construction—\$25.



12.50 for 20.00 sideboards.
17.00 for 23.00 sideboards.
18.50 for 25.00 sideboards.
28.25 for 36.00 sideboards.
32.00 for 40.00 sideboards.
36.00 for 45.00 sideboards.
44.00 for 50.00 sideboards.
50.00 for 62.00 sideboards.
78.00 for 90.00 sideboards.



\$21 Dining Tables, \$14.75.
Thoroughly, seasoned golden oak—12-inch round top—6 foot extension—easy to adjust—guaranteed best construction. Other reductions:
7.75 to 5.50. 28.00 to 21.00.
8.50 to 6.50. 33.00 to 24.00.
13.75 to 9.50. 38.00 to 28.75.
23.50 to 17.00. 60.00 to 45.00.

500 5-pc. \$36 parlor suites at \$24.50

IT'S like this picture. Handsome? Yes—a stirring bargain revelation of the February sale. Positively your only chance of the year to buy this artistic suite for less than \$36—we firmly believe. Why not? \$25 is the cost to manufacture, and like all our parlor furniture, we guarantee the workmanship—guarantee the finish up to your standard—insure you the latest 1905 designs and coverings—and there's an unlimited variety.

This \$36 5-piece suite at \$24.50 is like cut—has frames of genuine birch, highly polished mahogany finish, mortised, joined and fitted perfectly—cannot work loose—built with broad, comfortable seats—and graceful curved arms—covered in velour, silk damask or heavy tapestry—very artistic.



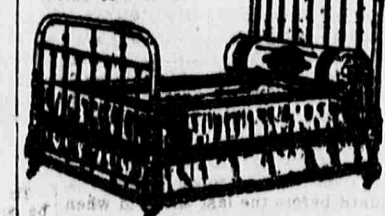
30.00 for 40.00 5 pc. suites.
37.50 for 50.00 5 pc. suites.
60.00 for 80.00 5 pc. suites.
61.00 for 78.00 5 pc. suites.
72.00 for 95.00 5 pc. suites.
80.00 for 112.00 5 pc. suites.
92.00 for 125.00 5 pc. suites.
100.00 for 135.00 5 pc. suites.

Our supremacy in bedroom furniture

\$40 Brass Bed, \$22.50.

YOU'RE almost certain to pay \$40 if you don't attend this sale, for you'll want this bed—a handsome 1905 design with 1 1/2-inch continuous posts—extra heavy fillings and mounts—massive hushers on head and foot—highest quality French lacquer—best construction—\$22.50. Other reductions:

26.00 to 15.00. 27.50 to 18.00.
48.00 to 25.00.
78.00 to 44.00.
84.00 to 49.00.
70.00 to 39.00.



\$15.00 Mattresses, \$10.

We could safely guarantee this or any other mattress mentioned here to last ten years and give perfect comfort.

10.00 for 15.50 XX quality mattress—pure hair—full 40 lbs.—guaranteed workmanship—the best ticking.

15.00 for 21.00 XX quality mattress—pure hair—full 40 lbs.—very closely tufted—fancy stripe ticking.

18.00 for 24.50 XXX quality mattress—pure hair—full 40 lbs.—very closely tufted—fancy stripe ticking.

50c. for our special 75c. pillows—selected feathers—22 1/2 x 36 A C A ticking—very soft and comfortable.

\$11.50 Dressers at \$7.50.

GOLDEN oak 11.50 dresser with piano finish—chair's precisely what we offer you at 7.50 in our February sale—two large and two small drawers that slide easily without a hitch—lacquered brass trimmings—large shaped French bevel plate mirror. Other reductions:

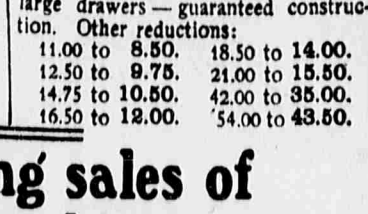
13.50 to 10.00. 32.00 to 23.00.
16.00 to 12.00. 45.00 to 34.00.
23.00 to 17.25. 52.00 to 41.00.
21.00 to 16.50. 74.00 to 58.00.



\$7.50 Chiffoniers, \$5.25.

The best chiffonier ever priced at 7.50—highly polished golden oak—5 large drawers—guaranteed construction. Other reductions:

11.00 to 8.50. 18.50 to 14.00.
12.50 to 9.75. 21.00 to 15.50.
14.75 to 10.50. 42.00 to 35.00.
16.50 to 12.00. 54.00 to 43.50.



A thousand pairs of imported \$10.00

Bonne Femme lace curtains at \$5.90.

\$5.90 for \$10 imported Bonne Femme curtains—choice of Renaissance or Irish point lace, in a variety of richly executed designs—trimmed with deep full valance.

\$3.50 for \$9.75 Gobelin tapes—couch covers—heavy reversible quality—in artistic designs and new color effects.

\$6.90 for \$11.50 lustrous mercerized portieres—with applied borders of tapestry in Oriental and floral designs.

\$2.35 for \$4.50 Bagdad covers

—these attractive Bagdads are very desirable for couch covers or hangings, especially so if you can secure the genuine article for less than the cost of the imitation goods.

98c. for \$1.50 ruffled Renaissance curtain of good, serviceable bobbinet—with lace insertion and lace trimmed flounce. You'll like these curtains. They're inexpensive but handsome, and they will wear unusually well.

Another hundred \$18.50 dinner sets, \$12.95

One hundred dinner sets 9.95
Another rare bargain—not coarse, heavy china, but a fine set decorated with neat sprays of flowers—the kind that usually sells for \$14.00—special to-morrow at \$9.95.

500 dozen bread and butter plates, decorated with neat Dresden patterns; regular price \$2.25 per doz., at each, 12c.
300 dozen fine china cups and saucers; neatly decorated; regular price \$2.20 per doz., at each, 10c.
Cracker plate, regular 60c., at 29c.

Theodore Haviland set 19.95.

A revelation in the selling of this famous dinner ware—100 pieces, richly decorated in new and original designs, and at most any time would cost you \$32.50 or more.

Chop trays, regular price \$2, at \$1.
Celery trays, regular price 90c., at 45c.
China cups and saucers, regular price \$3.00 dozen, at each, 19c.
China cups and saucers, regular price \$6.00, at each, 25c.
China cups and saucers, regular price \$1.00, at 50c.

Monthly grocery sale—prices lowered 25%.

Mail orders filled, or call Chelsea 2100—Model Food Store, Sixth Floor.

SMOKED OX TONGUES—Fanciest cold dressed, golden sauce served; perfectly smoked; aver-14 1/2 lb. each \$1.26
QUAKER OATS—"The World's Breakfast"—2 lb. carton. 45c
CONDENSED MILK—Royal Stuart—creamiest rich in cream—25c
JERSEY TOMATOES—Royal Stuart—extra, whole, ripe fruit; case 21 cans, \$1.15; dozen, \$1.00; 14c
SUGAR CORN—Fancy State pack—mammoth 1 1/2-inch can. 14c
Cranberry and tenderizer, case 24 cans, \$1.05; dozen, \$1.00; 2-lb. can, 9c
NEW PEAS—Valley Brand—Selected Early Jersey, Fancy New York State; tender and natural flavor; case 24 cans, \$1.05; 3-lb. can, \$1.00; 2-lb. can, 9c
NEW ENGLAND SPINACH—Potter & Wright's—Fancy 10 lb. can \$1.00; 5-lb. can, 50c
RUBY BEETS—Finest grown in New York State; case 24 cans, 15c
WHITE WAX BEANS—Standard quality New York; case 24 cans, 15c
CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS—Royal Stuart, Mammoth Style, Ready to Eat; dozen, \$5.00; 10 3-lb. can, 43c

Here's another of those stirring sales of Oriental rugs at epoch-making prices.

If you've the slightest Oriental rug want we'll guarantee that you cannot resist these money-saving prices, and to see the handsome, artistic floor coverings will but add to the desire for possession. Don't think you've ever had an opportunity—but one last August—to buy rugs at these prices.

There's one advantage in selecting Oriental rugs here—you have the assurance that every one was selected by a connoisseur who is an expert on artistic worth—who knows genuine rug beauty. The benefit of his judgment is yours to start with.

Now for news about the sale—we start the great February event with \$60,000 worth of Oriental rugs, many of which were gathered in foreign rug marts, at a saving of quarter to third.

\$8.75 for those fine \$12 Quendji rugs.
\$10.85 for \$16.50 genuine Daghestan rugs.
\$13.25 for \$19.00 genuine Daghestan rugs.
\$34.50 & \$44.50 for extra heavy and large Kazaks—few square shapes, worth up to \$60.

\$29.50 for 65.00 silk rugs—Remember that sale we held last August?—sold them all out in three days—we've been on the lookout ever since for a lot of silk rugs at prices that would enable us to duplicate that great August sale—not as many as we had before, but what there are you are welcome to them as long as they last—don't think there's one in the lot that sells regularly elsewhere for less than \$65.00—while they last come and take your choice at \$29.50 and \$29.50.

\$85 for Afghan carpets—average size about 6 1/2 x 9—very silky and usually up to \$125.
\$55 for cashmere carpets—average size 7 x 10—very artistic—usually sell up to \$75.
\$166 for very fine Goerevan carpets—average size 9 x 12—usually sell up to \$204.

\$200 for very fine Goerevan carpets—average size 9 x 12—they usually sell up to \$300.
\$91 for fine India carpets—light, delicate colors—average size 9 x 12—usually up to \$121.
\$107 for fine India carpets—also other rugs and carpets—that would sell up to \$160.

25% off standard wines—guaranteed pure.

IMPORTED SHERRY—Sandeman. Buck's Co. Permetin; finest. Annularis, regular price, \$4.00; 12 bottles, \$38.50; 12 bottles, \$38.50; 12 bottles, \$38.50.
IMPORTED ST. JULIEN CLARET—P. E. Ruelle & Co. Bordeaux. France; equal in body, bouquet and flavor to many St. Julien growths sold at \$1.50 per bottle; our special sale price, case, 12 quarts, 40c.
IMPORTED HAUT SAUTERNE—J. F. Merman & Co. Bordeaux. France; equal in bouquet and flavor to many higher-priced Sauternes; case, 12 quarts, \$7.50; 12 bottles, \$7.50.
WALT ERIC—Royal Stuart—Contains all the nutritive properties of the best Malt and 1.22 Hops; dozen, \$1.22.
DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKY—1 bottle to each purchaser.
MEDALLION LAGER BEER—75c
VIRMOND—Rocco Marino & Co. Torino, Italy; case, 12 full quart bottles, \$7.00; full quart bottle, 60c.
MORGAN'S IMPERIAL GINGER ALE—Bottled in London.
GRAVE'S BORDEAUX WHITE WINE, J. Calve & Co. or Sata's Johnson & Sons, Bordeaux; France; imported in glass; case, 12 quarts, \$4.95; 12 bottles, \$4.95.
HOLLAND GIN—Meder Swan—Guaranteed absolutely pure; 1.5 gal. white glass bottle, \$1.00; 1.5 gal. white glass bottle, \$1.00.
BANQUET COCKTAILS—Manhattan, Martell, Holland Gin, Ver-85c
mouth; case, 12, \$1.00; bottle, 1.00
SANDEMAN'S OLD OPORTO PORT—Extra quality; splendid bouquet; gallon, \$8.50; case, 12 bottles, \$11.00; regular, \$1.50 bottle.
OLD MONARCH—Pure Rye Whiskey; gallon, \$2.85; case, 12 full quart bottles, \$35.00; full quart bottle, 75c.
PORT, SHERRY, MUSCAT or TO-KAY, pure, rich wines, old vintage; gallon, \$2.85; case, 12 bottles, \$35.00; full quart bottle, 75c.
WHISKIES, PORTS, SHERRIES, LAGERS and GINS are sold at wholesale prices, in 10 and 20 gal. quantities. Prices on application.
CHAS. HEIDRICK IMPORTED Champagne, case 24 1/2 qt. \$12.00; 1/2 qt. bottle, \$1.85
BASS PALE ALE—Bulldog Bottling—\$1.50; 1/2 qt. (imp.) doz., 1.14
GUINNESS DUBLIN STOUT—Bulldog Bottling, Imported in cases, 12 quarts, \$1.40; 1/2 qt. bottle, 1.14
COGNAC BRANDY—James H. Nisby & Co. Imported from France; 12 bottles, \$1.14; 1/2 qt. bottle, 1.14

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The reason W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the greatest sellers in the world, is because of their excellent style, easy fitting and superior wearing qualities. If I could show you the difference between the shoes made in my factory and those of other makes and the high grade leathers used, you would understand why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than other \$3.50 shoes on the market to-day. W. L. Douglas guarantees their value by stamping his name and price on the bottom. Look for it—take no substitute. Sold by shoe dealers everywhere.

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"Kindly allow me to say I have worn your shoes for the past five years, and must say they are the most stylish and comfortable shoe I ever wore, and their service cannot be excelled by any other make."

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